

## Mexico Missouri Message

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MEXICO MISSOURI

England is in acute need of elastic window glass.

However, as for hobbie skirted women, how can she expect to "win in a walk?"

A Peruvian aviator proposes to fly over the Alps. In a Peruvian bark, probably.

"Bash-bazoukesses" may fit the crime, but it's altogether too hard to pronounce.

A Vienna astronomer says 218,000,000 tons of cosmic dust falls on the earth every day.

A Pennsylvania man has contracted smallpox from a roll of bank notes. But who's afraid?

A professor of music says that there are 10,000,000 melodies. But of these, how many are original?

Man needs a few more soft spots in his heart, says a western preacher. And a few less in his head.

A Chicago thief was kicked senseless by a woman the other day. She must have been a ballet dancer.

A New Jersey man claims to have invented a seamless coat as the result of a dream. It sounds like one.

A St. Louis newspaperman bought twelve engagement rings in one year. Perhaps he believed in advertising.

Hereafter, when dinner is late, don't be too quick to blame wife or cook. Perhaps it was the postman.

A French scientist says men get bald because they eat too much. Then why is it that a dyspeptic usually is bald?

Paris husband who suspected his wife of infidelity, cut off her nose. To keep her from nosing around, no doubt.

Pittsburg burglar fleeing with plunder was captured by a small boy with a toy pistol. It's the little things that count.

A Texas undertaker has contracted to bury the county paupers at 15 cent each. Doing the work at pauper's prices.

Inventing a "cure" for tuberculosis seems to be a heap easier than convincing other specialists you have done it.

A naturalist says that lobsters are becoming extinct. But, then, of course, naturalists do not hang out along Broadway.

Chicago violinist attacked a burglar, rendered him unconscious, and turned him over to the police. Wonder what he played?

Moving picture theaters are proving immensely popular in Mexico. Probably those western and Mexican films manufactured on Long Island are shown to the surprise of the natives.

The Chinese have adopted our calendar. It would not be at all surprising in the oriental rush for occidental reforms to hear of the Celestials falling eager victims to the trading-stamp habit.

Le Duc de Mala-Morte, who is also Le Comte Carl di Monibercalli, was halted by federal examiners because of a swollen face. After he had disgorged his names he was allowed to enter the country.

A \$5,000 prize offered in England for the best mine lamp has been divided between nine inventors. Sounds like a joke.

A Mississippi man has named all his daughters after flowers. Be all right if they don't fade before they are married.

A Pittsburgh criminal got out of prison with no other aid than a button hook. A woman could have done it with a hairpin.

A San Francisco doctor replaced a dog's knee joint with a silver, diamond studded hinge. Now watch the dog catchers get busy.

"Mrs. Bernhardt is an artist," remarks one critic, "and can play any role except Falstaff." It would be mighty interesting to see her doing little Eva. Wouldn't it?

Automobiles killed 142 persons in New York during 1912, while wagons killed 172 people. Which only goes to show that New Yorkers are more expert dodging automobiles.

Danish professor says that tears are antiseptic and destroy microbes. An answer to: "Tears, little tears, I know not what they mean."

Kansas State college has a course to teach 1,600 girl students how to be good wives. Positions are not guaranteed graduates, however.

Gentlemen and ladies who acquire childlike through exclusive devotion to semi-transparent silk hose have themselves to thank for subsequent discomforts.

## MADERO AND SUAREZ SLAIN BY GUARDS

DEPOSED MEXICAN PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT KILLED DURING RESCUE ATTEMPT.

HUERTA SAYS ESCORT FIRED WHEN MEN TRIED TO FLEE

De La Barra in Note to Diplomats Promises Thorough Investigation—Three Officers Arrested—City is Now Quiet.

City of Mexico, Feb. 24.—Francisco I. Madero, Jr., and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed president and vice president, respectively, of the Mexican republic, were shot and killed Sunday when an attempt was made to rescue them from an automobile that was being transferred to the penitentiary.

News of the death of Madero and Suarez was confirmed by Gen. Huerta. Previously it had been announced that the transfer from the national palace to the penitentiary had been made successfully.

Two of the party that attacked the automobile were killed in the exchange of shots.

Large crowds assembled at the scene of the killing. While women wept and there were signs of disapproval, the city generally is quiet. The guards at the penitentiary have been increased and no one is permitted to see the bodies.

Huerta Says Public Will Get Facts. Maj. Cardenas and two other officers, who were in charge of the guard of rurales escorting the automobile, have been imprisoned pending an investigation by the attorney general. Relatives and friends are making efforts to recover the bodies.

Gen. Huerta, in an official statement, said that when the attempt to rescue them was made, Madero and Suarez tried to escape.

"The government," he continues, "promises that society shall be fully satisfied as to the facts in the case. The commanders of the escort are now under arrest."

The attempt to rescue Madero and Suarez, the official version says, was made about midnight, when the party escorting the prisoners was approaching the penitentiary.

Francisco de la Barra, the foreign minister, sent an official statement to the foreign diplomatic representatives, in which he said:

"The department of foreign relations desires to make known as already announced to the ambassador of the United States, the British ambassador and other members of the diplomatic corps on various occasions, that the government decided at a council of the ministers that all acts relating to Madero and Pino Suarez should be adjudicated strictly according to law as was due, and that in consequence the accusation process, if such had taken place, would not have departed one iota from the legal measures applicable to the case."

De la Barra Makes Statement. "That after making this decision the government agreed to remove Madero and Suarez to the penitentiary, where they would have the necessary security and consideration and comforts."

"That the minister of foreign relations so informed Ambassador Wilson, saying the government would proceed always in accord with the law, and that the removal of the ex-president and ex-vice president to the penitentiary would be for the reasons afore-indicated."

"That it was further expected that, with the passing of time, political passions would become subdued, resulting in the establishment of greater calmness and judgment throughout the republic."

"I desire to give all the facts of which I am cognizant connected with the affair of last night, which is deeply deplored, both for sentiments of humanity and because of the gravity of the affair, which has surprised the government, and the importance of which is not underestimated by the government."

"Last night about 11:30 o'clock I was called with all haste to the national palace by the chief of staff of the president. An automobile was sent with an aid to take me, as well as the secretary of the Interior, Alberto Garcia Grandos. Surprised by the unusual call, I attempted to talk by telephone with Gen. Huerta, the military commander, who made known that something serious had occurred."

"On our arrival at midday at the palace the president explained that Francisco Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, while being conducted to the penitentiary in automobiles, were killed in an encounter with the escort guarding the prisoners had with a group of individuals who attempted to liberate the two men."

"Other members of the cabinet having arrived, it was agreed that it was an absolute necessity for the honor of the government that should it proceed in a minute investigation of this act, according as the law demands, but going further, that immediate notice should be given to the chief attorney of the military court, Jose Vazquez Tagle, that he, with the judge advo-

FRANCISCO MADERO.



Deposed President of Mexico Who Was Killed by Huerta's Men.

cate, should make investigations and consign those responsible, whoever they might be, to custody, and that he proceed to examine them in conformity with the law.

"It was agreed also that Attorney General Castellanos, whose energy and competency are well known, should take action in this most unfortunate affair."

"According to the reports which President Huerta received and communicated to the ministers, a group of five individuals at a point about half way between the palace and the penitentiary fired on the chauffeur of one of the automobiles which was under escort. The order was given for more speed. Shortly afterwards another group, more numerous, rallied from the cross streets, firing on the escort. It seems that Madero and Suarez at this point attempted to escape."

"President Huerta communicated to the ministers the news of the death of the ex-president and the ex-vice president, adding that there was another person killed and two wounded, according to the information he had at the moment, without being exact as to which group these belonged. He also informed the ministers that there had been some arrests."

"The secretary of foreign relations, echoing the feeling of the government and moved by personal sentiment which has caused him to view with horror the shedding of blood outside of those cases wherein the law has imposed the punishment, not only laments the affair, but is convinced that the honor of the republic demands a careful investigation and exemplary punishment for those who may be proven guilty of this act, whose transcendence can not be hidden."

## BORDER TROOPS ARE STIRRED BY KILLING

FEDERAL VOLUNTEERS THREATEN TO QUIT GOVERNMENT.

Monterey Fears Execution Will Bring on United States Intervention in Southern Republic.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 24.—The killing of Francisco Madero and Pino Suarez has caused as much excitement along the border as did the City of Mexico revolt.

The federal volunteer troops, already stirred by the downfall of their former leader, threaten immediately to quit service but to retain their arms. Their junction with the rebels has been feared since the revolution at the national capital. Even the rebels appear aroused by the killing.

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SLAYING OF MADERO NOT ITSELF AN ACT DEMANDING INTERVENTION OF MEXICO.

MUST AWAIT OVERT ACT

Situation Gravest Yet Developed and War and Navy Department's Plans Are Being Rushed Forward.

Washington, D. C.—The one danger to be apprehended in the Mexican situation, which might certainly result in the launching of an army of invasion, would be the commission of some acts in Mexico that would endanger the lives of foreign citizens and Americans.

Having assured the diplomatic representatives in Washington of the disposition and ability of this government to protect their nationals in Mexico in the same degree as Americans, the government has assumed an obligation that cannot be ignored.

Therefore, any attack upon foreigners by the tacit consent of the Huerta government, or even the exhibition toward them of mob violence clearly beyond the ability of the provisional government to prevent, probably would be the signal for active intervention.

Situation Now Most Tense. The killing of Francisco I. Madero and Pino Suarez after Gen. Huerta had assured American Ambassador Wilson of the safety of his prisoners from just such attacks, created a painful impression in administration circles here.

When the first feeling of surprise had passed, it was realized by officials that this last tragic event had added greatly to the gravity of the situation and undoubtedly had placed an additional strain upon the already tense relations between this government and that in the Mexican capital.

Still, as President Taft himself declared, the event in itself was not sufficient to demand any departure from the policy of strict nonintervention, which so far has governed his administration.

Probably the immediate result will be to hasten the military and naval preparations in order to have the soldiers, sailors and marines ready to answer a call for instant embarkation if further developments in Mexico should demand their employment.

The administration officials feel that they have discharged their constitutional powers in the orders they have given or planned for the preparation of a sufficient military and naval force to insure a successful entry to the Mexican capital in case of need.

It is practically certain that beyond this point the executive would not proceed except upon direct instructions from congress, as the exhibition of military force beyond the seas towns of Mexico might be regarded as an act of war, which, under the constitution, can be directed only by congress.

Cubs to Play Cubans. Tampa, Fla.—The Chicago Cubs Saturday took their last hard practice before the grand international series for the championship of the all Havana cigar belt. The first game is booked for today.

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A. THOMAS HEFLIN



Representative Hefflin of Alabama, popularly known as "Handsome Hefflin," has aroused the ire of the suffragists by a speech in which he is said to have asserted that half of them are divorced and the rest the products of unhappy homes.

See MUST GO TO PRISON

"ABSOLUTE LIFE" LEADERS SENTENCE AFFIRMED.

Convicted on Charge of Abducting 17-Year-old Girl, Who Was "High Priestess" of the Sect.

Springfield, Ill.—Evelyn Arthur See, leader of the "Absolute Life" cult, must serve his prison term of one to five years. The Illinois supreme court upheld See's conviction on a charge of abduction. See's alleged victim was Mildred Bridges, 17 years old, who was known as "high priestess" of the sect, headquarters of which were at a "temple" on the North Side, Chicago.

In December, 1909, it was claimed by the plaintiff in error, Mr. and Mrs. Bridges went to Florida, leaving the daughter, Mildred, at the quarters of See, whose work consisted of teaching young children how to avoid evil ways.

When the parents returned from Florida, Mildred refused to go to her home and continued to stay at the quarters of See and Mona Rees, his associate, until the police, on Jan. 5, 1911, raided the "temple" and the three were placed under arrest.

Mildred was 11 years old when she first became acquainted with See through her father and mother, who were followers of the "absolute life," but during the trial and conviction of See in the criminal court was 17 years old.

In the "Book of Truth," compiled by See, "absolute life," he claimed, was a new dispensation, imparted from God to man by the means of a new spirit, the spirit of truth, manifesting itself to a chosen person, the defendant See.

MICE ROUT SUFFRAGIST BAND

Two Marchers Faint When Small Boys at Newport, Del., Play Trick on Women "Hikers."

Newark, Del.—The suffrage "army" halted, shrieked, gathered up its skirts and fled ignominiously when three small boys dropped mice in the ranks at Newport, near here. Two women fainted and others became hysterical. "Gen." Rosalie Gardner Jones, the coolest of the "hikers," shouted a command to halt, but her orders fell on deaf ears. It was some time before she could get her scattered followers together again. The boys who played the trick enjoyed the rout from a safe distance.

7 CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

Harrisburg, Pa.—Parents Find Charred Bodies in Home on Return From Shopping Tour.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Seven children, ranging in age from 1 to 12 years, were burned to death when the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith, at Ebenezer, near here, was destroyed by fire.

The father and mother had been in the city purchasing supplies for the family, and made the gruesome discovery upon their return. Many of the packages the parents carried were toys and candies for the children.

Buys \$1,000,000 Home to Bar Store.

New York.—To keep trade from the vicinity of his home, John D. Rockefeller has bought another house for \$1,000,000. This makes \$3,000,000 the oil king has spent for the same purpose.

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## NECKLACE FOR MRS. TAFT

WASHINGTON WOMEN MAKE THE PRESENT AS FAREWELL.

President Also Remembered, Receiving Pearl Studs and Stickpin—Presented at Musicals.

Washington, Feb. 22.—President and Mrs. Taft were the recipients of farewell gifts from their Washington friends, who made the White House musicale the occasion for the donation.

By a widely circulated subscription, in the collection of which Miss Mabel Boardman took the most active part, the fund for the gift was gathered. Only those persons who are recognized as the personal friends of the White House family were subscribers.

Mrs. Taft's gift was a diamond necklace of 49 stones of about a carat each, with a large diamond set in pendant form in the middle. The stones were set in platinum on a gold chain. The gift was valued at about \$15,000.

The gift to the president was a set of three pearl studs for evening wear and a pearl set stick pin. The gift to the president is valued at \$1,500.

The only speech marking the ceremony was the president's declaration to place the studs in his shirt there and then and the "Thank you," which both Mr. and Mrs. Taft said when they presented were handed them.

Mrs. Taft wore the necklace at a dinner given to a circle of close friends, among whom were some of the contributors to the fund with which the necklace and studs were purchased.

The three studs presented to the president are pearls of unusual size and clearness. They are as much alike as it is possible to find pearls. Members of the Taft Philippine party contributed the greater part of the amount for the studs.

BISHOP HOGAN, 84, SUCCEUMS

Oldest Catholic Prelate in United States is Victim of Pneumonia—Was Ill Ten Days.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 24.—Bishop John Joseph Hogan of the diocese of Western Missouri, the oldest Catholic prelate in this country, both in years and point of service, died of pneumonia, aged 84 years.

Bishop Hogan acquired a cold 10 days ago which immediately developed into pneumonia. He said at that time:

"I will never get over this. My body has grown old in my work, and will not outlast this illness."

Bishop Hogan was born in County Limerick, Ireland, in 1829.

The death of Bishop Hogan leaves Cardinal Gibbons the only survivor in the American hierarchy of the convocation held in the Vatican in Rome in 1869.

ANOTHER OFFICIAL INDICTED

True Bill Against West Virginia Legislator Alleges He Accepted \$100 Bribe for Senate Vote.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 24.—Delegated T. J. Smith was indicted by the special bribery grand jury when it reported after a week's session.

The indictment charged a misdemeanor, alleging acceptance of a bribe of \$100 from Guy Biddinger, a Burns detective, to vote for W. S. Edwards, United States senatorial candidate. Smith gave bond. He is the seventh legislator to be indicted.

Thirteen indictments have been returned by the grand jury, five for felonies and eight for misdemeanors. The grand jury was discharged.

WOMEN WOULD RECALL JUDGE

Action Against California Jurist Follows Reducing Man's Bond Who Offended Women.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 24.—Perhaps the first instance engineered almost entirely by women is expected to follow the announcement made here that a recall petition has been filed against Police Judge Charles E. Weller.

The city register has 10 days in which to ascertain if the number of petitioners is adequate, and if it is, an election must be held within 35 days after certification to this effect.

Texas Boundary Dispute Ends.

Washington.—The Texas-New Mexico boundary dispute virtually was settled when President Taft approved the report of a commission appointed by him, which fixed the boundary at the thirty-second parallel and the Rio Grande river.

"Reforming" Operation Failure.

Buffalo.—Edward E. Grinnell, whose skull was operated on to reform him, was caught cracking a safe. He may be sent to the penitentiary for life.

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Sloan's Liniment gives quick relief for cough, cold, hoarseness, sore throat, croup, asthma, hay fever and bronchitis.

HERE'S PROOF. Mr. Alexander W. Price, of Fredonia, Kan., writes: "We use Sloan's Liniment in the family and find it an excellent relief for colds and hay fever attacks. It stops coughing and sneezing almost instantly."

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RELIEVED SORE THROAT. Mrs. J. B. Sawyer, of Modesto, Ill., writes: "I bought one bottle of your Liniment and it did me all the good in the world. My throat was very sore, and it cured me of my trouble."

GOOD FOR COLD AND CROUP. Mr. W. H. Strasser, 321 Elmwood Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes: "A little boy next door had croup. I gave the mother Sloan's Liniment to try. She gave him three drops on sugar before going to bed, and he was up without the croup in the morning."

Price, 25c., 50c., \$1.00



Pettit's Eye Salve

GOOD TIME.



Tess—Oh! no, Tom, dear, you mustn't ask papa tonight. He lost a whole lot of money in stocks today. Tom—Just the right time then. He won't have nerve enough to lecture me about the care of money.

Automobile Aroma. Farmer Hiram was mending the front fence when an automobile whizzed past, emitting a trail of blue smoke from its oil-choked engine.

Farmer Hiram's hand went to his nose. When the car had disappeared far down the lane and the smell had died away he ventured to address the hired man.

"Sam," he said, "they may be swell city fellows an' all that; but they certainly was smokin' some vile acc-gars."

Not in Sight. Hokus—"Do you think we shall ever have universal peace?" Pokus—"